

Fitzwilliam Fire Department

The Board of Firewards, Officers and members of the Fitzwilliam Fire Department would like to acknowledge and thank the following six members of the Fire Department that have been nominated and selected to receive the Meritorious Award for Years of Service: Those who have dedicated themselves to the Fire Service for 40+ years. They will be honored in Concord by the NH Fire Training and EMS Academy later this month.

The members are:

Winston A. Wright, having served since October of 1958, starting with the Keene Fire Department Auxiliary Fire Unit. He remained an active member until 1960, when he joined the Fitzwilliam Fire Department. He joined Meadowood County Area Fire Department in 1965. With Meadowood he served as a Captain of the Tanker, large diameter hose unit and Ladder Truck. He became Chief upon the retirement of Meadowood Founder Donald Holbrook. Win was also the training coordinator for many Spring and Fall Fire Schools over the years.

Edwin O. Mattson, Jr., has been involved in the Fire Service in NH since he joined the Fitzwilliam Fire Department in 1960. He entered the Airforce in 1961 and served until 1965 when he returned to Fitzwilliam. He became a full-time dispatcher at Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid System in 1966 and worked full time until 1987. He later returned to Fire Mutual Aid as a part time dispatcher in 1998 where he is currently a Lieutenant. He has served as member of the Board of Director for the Meadowood County Area Fire Department. Ed also serves as member of the Board of Firewards in Fitzwilliam.

William N. Prigge, Bill has been involved in the Fire Service in NH since joining Fitzwilliam Fire Department in 1970 as a firefighter. Prior to moving to Fitzwilliam, Bill was associated with the Northport NY Fire Department from 1957-1960. He joined the Meadowood County Area Fire Department in 1972. He currently serves as the Deputy Fire Chief for the Fitzwilliam Fire Department and elected by the town to serve as a member or the Board of Firewards.

John Holman, John has been involved in the Fire Service in NH since joining Meadowood County Area Fire Department in 1969 when He joined the Fitzwilliam Fire Department in 1971 and Troy Fire Department in 1997. John has served as an officer for both Meadowood and Fitzwilliam and his knowledge of the area and unending work in the community makes him a distinguished expert in Water Supply.

Kevin G. Kennedy, Kevin has been involved in the Fire Service in NH since joining Meadowood County Area Fire Department in 1970 as a firefighter. He joined the Fitzwilliam Fire Department in 1972. He currently serves on both the Fitzwilliam Fire Department as a Senior Member and on the Troy Fire Department, as a driver/operator. Kevin is a full-time dispatcher with SWNHFMAS in Keene, serving as Lt.

Robert Crowell, Bob has been involved in the Fire Service since 1970 when he joined the Keene Fire Department in 1970. He served the Keene until 1999, retiring as Captain of Training. He joined Meadowood County Area Fire Department in 1999 and was appointed Chief of MCAFD and remains as the Chief. He Joined Troy Fire Department in 2001 and was appointed a Fire Lt. and currently serves a Captain and Deputy Forest Fire Warden. He joined Fitzwilliam Fire Department in 2004 and currently serves as a Captain.

Nancy Carney, Chief Nancy Carney was nominated and selected to receive the NH EMS Lifetime Achievement award from the NH Fire and Emergency Medical Services Committee. This award is for those that serve for 30 or more years in NH Emergency Medical Services. Chief Carney joined the Fitzwilliam Fire Department in March 1987 and has served as a member and worked up through EMS Lt., Captain, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and currently serves as the Fire Chief for the Fitzwilliam Fire Department. Nancy also serves as a Captain on the Troy Fire Department and an AEMT with Deering Fire and Rescue. Nancy also works for Diluzio Ambulance service and for NH Department of Safety.

Chief Carney started as a First Responder and moved on to being EMT and serves as an AEMT since 1994. She has completed the Paramedic program at New England EMS Institute and is currently completing National levels exams to become a Paramedic. Nancy has obtained her Fire I, II and III and currently is a Rescue Technician in Confined Space Rescue. She has obtained her Fire and EMS instructor I, II & III in the State of NH and teaches throughout the state Fire, EMS, Incident Command, Driver Operator and Pumps and Hazardous Materials courses.

When asked why she enjoys the field of EMS and Fire, she says “that it is to serve others and to help the communities throughout the area. Teaching is a way of assuring that people have the love of the job and are able to return to the communities that they are from. Teaching at the high school levels has the most enjoyment and returns as a great move for the future of the Fire and EMS services in NH.”

Please take time to visit and “Like” the department’s Facebook page, Fitzwilliam Fire, Rescue and EMS. We will post updates, upcoming courses and other information about the department and its activities.

The Fitzwilliam Fire Department is seeking new members to join as a fire fighter, EMS provider or both. If you would like to give back to your community, you are a team player and enjoy learning new things we have a spot for you. You must be 16 years or older and in good health. Applications may be picked up at the Town Hall, Selectmen’s Office or at the Fire Station at 6 Church Street. If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact Chief Nancy Carney, 731-7362 or Deputy Chief Bill Prigge, 585-6563.